

Official

Ref: FOI-199

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Sent via email only:
[REDACTED]

19 July 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 7 June 2018 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Your request was for information relating to testing in football during the past five seasons. We responded to your request via letter dated 5 July 2018, referring you to a previous FOI response that UKAD had issued. You then sent a follow up email dated 7 July 2018, which was as follows:

The FOI request you point me to (FOI-188) for information on drug tests carried out in the Premier League / Football League during the past five seasons does not include complete data for the 2017/18 season. Could you please provide?

Information held

2. UKAD confirms that it holds details of tests conducted by UKAD on footballers in in the 2017/18 English football season, being the period 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018. As per your request, the information provided below is broken down by League (Premier League, Championship, League 1 and League 2).
3. Please note that for the purpose of the figures in the below table, the meaning of a "test" is any successful attempt to test a single player. If multiple samples (blood and/or urine) are collected from a player in a single Sample Collection Session, this is counted as two successful tests. The figures include tests conducted by UKAD on its own behalf (which includes contracted testing for the FA) and on behalf of other anti-doping organisations. The figures do not include tests conducted on Under 18 or Under 23 squads.

2017/18 season (1/6/2017 – 31/5/2018)

League	Samples Collected
Premier League	1923
Championship	1109
League 1	638
League 2	610
Grand Total	4280

Conclusion

4. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Pat Myhill, Director of Operations, UK Anti-Doping, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
5. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



UK Anti-Doping